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IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION GC.8/RES.3 ON SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report by the Director-General

Introduction

1. In a communication dated 6 March 2000, the Permanent Mission of Morocco requested the inclusion of the above item in the agenda of the forthcoming session of the Board. That communication is reproduced in its entirety in annex I to the present document. The explanatory statement is contained in annex II.

ACTION TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION GC.8/RES.3

2. In response to the mandates contained in General Conference resolution GC.8/Res.3 on sustainable industrial development, the Secretariat has taken a number of actions.

3. At the initiative of some Member States, the Secretariat held discussions on 1 March 2000 with representatives of those Member States to discuss their specific priorities in the implementation of resolution GC.8/Res.3 and to attempt to formulate a common understanding of sustainable industrial development.

4. Secretariat meetings have been held to prepare a strategy on how to approach relevant organizations regarding technology transfer (World Intellectual Property Organization and United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) and sustainable industrial development (United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Development Programme), particularly in light of UNIDO's ongoing activities with those organizations in the field of environment.

5. Together with National Cleaner Production Centres and Ministries of Industry, the Secretariat is promoting the World Bank handbook *Pollution Prevention and Abatement Handbook 1998*, to which UNIDO contributed, to ascertain the additional assistance needed in the area of norms and standards.

6. The Secretariat is in the process of preparing a funding strategy for the UNIDO/UNEP national cleaner production programme, which will assess the potential financial support from multilateral funding institutions. To date, the most extensive discussions have been held with the Inter-American Development Bank.

7. A more comprehensive report on the programme for the implementation of resolution GC.8/Res.3 will be issued to the Board at its twenty-third session.

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Annex I

NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MOROCCO

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO
TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and, with reference to Rule 11, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure of the Industrial Development Board, has the honour to request it to kindly include in the agenda of the twenty-second session of the Industrial Development Board an additional item entitled "Report of the Director-General on the application of resolution GC.8/Res.3: Sustainable industrial development". An explanatory statement on the reasons for this request is attached to this note.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the International Organizations in Vienna takes this opportunity to renew to UNIDO the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 6 March 2000

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Annex II

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The upheavals undergone in the world during the second half of the last century, whether those experienced generally in the economy or in the industrial field in particular, compelled UNIDO to reorient its industrial policy and to turn towards the promotion, in developing countries, of industrial growth attuned to the needs of the community and of the environment. This resulted in the promotion of the policy of "the three Es", i.e. the promotion of a competitive economy, productive employment and sound environment, otherwise known as "sustainable industrial development".

The eighth session of the General Conference, with the aim of emphasizing and reinforcing this reorientation, adopted resolution GC.8/Res.3 entitled "Sustainable Industrial Development", the purpose of which is to support the role played by UNIDO as a central coordinating agency within the United Nations system in the field of industry and to promote environmentally sustainable industrial development. The resolution also calls for the institution of closer collaboration between UNIDO and relevant international organizations, *inter alia* the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), with a view to generating a transfer of environmentally sound technologies tailored to the needs of beneficiary Member States. It further invites Member States and international financial institutions, including the Montreal Protocol, to contribute to the adequate funding of UNIDO programmes on sustainable industrial development.

Accordingly, it is desirable that Member States focus on the measures taken with a view to implementation of resolution GC.8/Res.3 on the basis of a report prepared by the Director-General of UNIDO setting forth the initiatives already in that regard and those which are planned, both at the bilateral and multilateral levels and across the entire United Nations system. All these considerations form the basis of our request for the inclusion of this item in the agenda of the twenty-second session of the Industrial Development Board, to be held on 30 and 31 May 2000.